

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed April 26, 2005:

1. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,591,383 (Michel);
2. Claims 3-7, 10 and 12-17 were rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim; and
3. Claims 18 and 19 were allowed.

I Selected Claims

A. Claims 1-7

Claim 1 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 3, which were cancelled. Claims 4 and 5 were amended to depend from claim 1 vice claim 3.

B. Claims 8-10, 20-21

Claim 8 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 9 and 10, which were cancelled. The subject matter incorporated from claim 10 was amended to reflect the embodiment of the invention described in the specification at page 9, lines 23-25.

Claim 20-21 were added to depend from claim 8.

C. Claims 11-17

Claim 11 was amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12, which was cancelled. Claims 13-15 were amended to depend from claim 11 vice claim 12.

CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added with the preceding amendments. It is submitted that the application is in suitable condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If prosecution of this application may be facilitated through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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